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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND LIBRARIAN,

OF THE

TOWN OF HANCOCK,

FOR THE

Financial Year ending March 1st, 1878.

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1878.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Joseph Davis, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Hancock, 1877.

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To balance in Treasurer's hands at the close of last year's settlement, including bonds,	$5652 27	
To cash received State Treasurer, Savings bank tax, 1877,	765 50	
" Railroad tax, "	62 30	
" Literary fund, "	59 77	
Interest on State bonds,	342 00	
Cash from County,	156 00	
Rec'd of S. S. Fogg from School district No. 4,	1 31	
Rec'd from collector Barney, 1877,	1963 10	
" " " 1876,	203 05	
" " " 1875,	39 48	
		$9244 78

Joseph Davis, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Hancock, 1877.

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By cash paid several school districts, which sum includes the literary fund and dog tax.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

District No. 1, Porter B. Weston,	$160 08
" " 2, Luther C. Dutton,	110 08
" " 3, Nicholas Shea,	110 08
" " 4, Albert Fish,	110 08
" " 5, C. P. Hayward,	110 08
" " 6, Charles O. Foster,	35 00
" " 7, John C. Wilkins,	110 08

District No. 8, Z. W. Brooks,	110 08	
" " 9, Milan E. Mathews,	110 08	
" " 5, Harrisville, C. C. Farwell,	20 00	
		$985 64

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Paid O. L. Boutelle, Committee,	$200 00	
		$200 00

Abatement of Asa Gordon's poll tax, 1877,	$1 16	
" Mark A. Dexter, over tax,	1 82	
		$2 98

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid M. H. Priest, support Catherine Howard,	$27 00	
" " "	25 50	
" " "	25 50	
Frances H. Thayer, support Lorina Hills,	27 00	
" " "	25 50	
" " "	25 50	
		$156 00

SUPPORT TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Stillman Tenney, support Lucy Tenney,		$17 00
State Treasurer, State tax,		924 00
County Treasurer, County tax		526 61
Non-resident highway taxes,		76 74

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John W. Coolidge, repairing roads,	$3 60	
A. L. Murphy, labor on highway,	7 05	
Hubbard D. Sawyer, "	19 00	
E. R. Danforth, b'ge pl'k, lm'br & l'br,	53 55	
J. Nesmith, labor on highway,	7 50	
Charles Chart, bridge stringers,	10 50	
L. A. Tenney, l'br & lmb'r for bridge,	29 80	
L. H. Whittemore, work on highway,	1 00	
Moses W. Rice, railing & labor on b'ge,	1 75	
John H. Felch, poles for railing,	6 50	
Josiah Dodge, labor on highway,	1 38	
A. B. Stone, labor on bridge,	4 50	
J. C. Towne, " highway,	2 20	
John P. Hills, " "	1 80	
Otis Tuttle, plank and labor,	5 94	
		$156 07

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid M. V. B. Greene, stationery,	$7	91	
I. Farrington, snowing bridge,	2	00	
George Y. Sawyer & Sawyer, Jr., advice on gratuity voted,	5	00	
James S. Hayward, damage to sheep,	10	00	
Wm. F. Symonds, watering trough,	3	00	
C. P. Parkhurst, d'ge to sheep by dogs,	4	00	
Albert Jaquith, watering trough,	3	00	
John H. Felch, j'rney to Nashua & ex's,	6	15	
John H. Felch, " Manchester "	7	65	
Alvah Copeland, " " "	15	90	
Chas. F. Brown, d'ge to wagon on h'w'y,	2	75	
Michael Harrington, gravel for h'way,	5	00	
John H. Felch, j'n'y & ex's to Manc'ster,	8	90	
John H. Felch, " Nashua & "	10	15	
Alvah Copeland, " Amherst,	6	10	
E. R. Danforth, " "	4	60	
E. R. Danforth, " Manchester,	14	40	
E. R. Danforth, " Nashua & "	10	15	
Michael Harrington, watering trough,	3	00	
Milan E. Davis, breaking plow,	4	25	
John H. Felch, j'ny & ex's to Amherst,	4	60	
John H. Felch, l'br & l'br tramp house,	5	38	
John H. Felch, ex's to Nashua & Man'r,	7	65	
A. B. Stone, repairs on school house,	46	00	
John P. Lovell & Sons, handcuffs,	7	50	
E. R. Danforth, labor on tramp house,	3	00	
B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, printing town reports,	27	50	
Joseph Davis, for postage, stationery and making town reports,	7	71	
Otis Tuttle, for watering trough,	3	00	
C. P. Bugbee, police badge,	1	75	
			$248 00

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BILL FOR BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Z. W. Brooks, breaking roads,	$3	75
S. S. Fogg, "	5	23
Charles Fairfield. "	3	00
A. F. Gordon, "	3	00
E. J. Robinson, "	4	10
E. R. Danforth, "	11	35

Paid Josiah D. Todd, breaking roads,		3 75	
Lewis Symonds,	"	1 57	
Z. W. Brooks,	"	7 50	
A. Jaquith,	"	7 72	
Asa Gordon,	"	2 05	
William Weston,	"	23 55	
F. G. Robinson,	"	2 32	
C. G. Mathews,	"	90	
Jerome Weston,	"	11 77	
James C. Town,	"	11 04	
G. F. Russell,	"	7 15	
Otis P. Mathews,	"	6 23	
John C. Wilkins,	"	4 15	
L. C. Dutton,	"	10 13	
Wallace Sawyer,	"	2 88	
Joseph Davis,	"	13 57	
Charles L. Otis,	"	39 25	
Milan E. Davis,	"	31 50	
Lyman Tenney,	"	5 10	
G. W. Knight,	"	4 95	
Josiah Dodge,	"	6 60	
John Linsey,	"	3 00	
Frank Barney,	"	75	
J. S. Lakin,	"	2 00	
Willis A. Washburn,	"	2 50	
James Cudihee,	"	3 15	
Edward R, Danforth,	"	3 07	
William P. Hall,	"	45	
			$249 03

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

John H. Felch, services, selectman,	1876,	75 00	
E. R. Danforth,	" "	61 50	
Alvah Copeland,	" "	56 50	
John H. Felch, sup. school com.,	"	20 00	
David Wilds, police duty,	1877,	6 25	
Joseph Davis, town clerk,	"	27 78	
" " treasurer,	"	20 00	
Frank Barney, collector,	"	35 00	
Auditors' bill		3 00	
			$305 03

RECAPITULATION.

Money received by treasurer,	$9,244 78

MONEY PAID OUT BY TREASURER.

Paid several school districts,	$985 64	
Support county paupers,	156 00	
" town paupers,	17 00	
Repairing roads and bridges,	156 07	
Miscellaneous bills,	248 00	
Town officers' bills,	305 03	
State treasurer, State tax,	924 00	
County " County tax,	526 61	
High School district,	200 00	
Non-resident highway tax,	76 74	
Abatement of taxes, 1877,	2 98	
Breaking roads,	249 03	
		$3,847 10

JOSEPH DAVIS, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of five thousand three hundred ninety-seven dollars and sixty-eight cents, ($5,397.68.)

ZENAS DAVIS,
JOSHUA S. LAKIN,
ANDREW B. STONE, } *Auditors.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Due	High school committee,	$200 00
	March 12, 1878, Thomas Hadley, damage to sheep by dogs,	3 00
	March 12, 1878, Zophor W. Brooks, damage to sheep by dogs,	10 00
	March 12. 1878, William Robinson, damage to sheep by dogs,	3 00
	March 12, 1878, George W. Knight, damage to sheep by dogs.	10 00
	Alice S. Goodhue note and interest,	81 22
	Betsey Mathews, " "	70 00
	Sylvester Tenney, " "	536 36
	Chas. M. Sheldon, " "	168 11
	David Hunt, " "	134 22
	Wallace Sawyer, " "	101 00
	Priscilla Sawyer, " "	909 00
	Phebe W. Goodhue, " "	205 00
	Adolphus D. Tuttle, " "	186 32
	Chas. W. Farmer, " "	569 61
	High school committee for spring term 1877, with interest on the same,	210 00
	Leonard Nahor for support of Lucy Tenney,	86 85
	William Robinson for bridge stringers,	3 00
	I. A. Knight, breaking roads,	7 20
	David Wilds, " "	5 10
	Orland Eaton, " "	4 87
	David Wilds, bounty on foxes,	4 00
	Thomas Welch, breaking roads,	9 15
	Thomas Welch, repairing bridge,	5 00
	Charles Turner police duty,	5 00
	A. D. Tuttle, services as librarian,	25 00
	C. Turner, care of hall and clock and tolling bell,	10 25
	A. D. Tuttle, stationery and nails,	2 00

Paid C. M. Sheldon, breaking roads and repairs,	5 90	
J. Scott & Co., supplies for tramps,	15 27	
A. D. Tuttle, " "	3 74	
F. Hunt, police duty,	3 50	
J. F. Eaton, keeping tramps,	75	
T. Shea, breaking roads,	8 25	
A. Copeland, money paid for bounties,	90	
E. R. Danforth " " "	40	
A. Copeland, care of tramps,	21 25	
A. Copeland, two journeys to Nashua and expenses,	11 05	
E. R. Danforth, two journeys to Nashua and expenses,	11 30	
J. H. Felch, two journeys to Nashua, and expenses,	11 60	
J. H. Felch, services as selectman,	59 00	
E. R. Danforth. " "	52 50	
A. Copeland, " "	41 50	
J. H. Felch, services as school committee,	40 00	
		$3851 27

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

State bonds,	$5700 00	
In collector Wilds' hands, 1873,	1 98	
" Barney's " 1874,	6 63	
" " " 1875,	33 41	
" " " 1876,	209 50	
" " " 1877,	1092 13	
Due from the State for bounties,	5 30	
" from the county of Hillsborough,	2783 94	
		$9832 89
Assets over debts,		$5981 62

JOHN H. FELCH
EDWARD R. DANFORTH,
ALVAH COPELAND,
Selectmen of Hancock.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

ZENAS DAVIS,
JOSHUA S. LAKIN,
ANDREW B. STONE,
Auditors.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Number of paupers supported during the year, 1.	
Cost of supporting town paupers,	$103 85
Number of county paupers supported by the town the past year, 2.	
Cost of supporting the above county paupers as per treasurer's report,	156 00
Received of the county during the year,	971 62
Paid for supplies furnished county paupers,	963 31
Leaving a balance in our hands of	8 31
Number of tramps lodged, 300.	

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ANDREW B. STONE,
Auditors.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

I herewith present the report of the condition of the Town Library, for the year ending March 1st, 1878.

STATISTICS.

Number of volumes in the Library at the commencement of the year,	913
Number of volumes added by purchase during the year,	47
Number of volumes added by donation during the year,	5
Whole number of volumes in the Library at the present time,	965
Books taken out for the year ending March 1, 1878,	2493
Whole amount of money on hand at commencement of year,	$30 75
Whole amount of money received from town, it being part interest on Hubbard legacy,	30 00
Whole amount of money received for fines,	1 24
Forty-seven volumes purchased at a cost of	59 90
Expended for the repair of old books,	13 00
One blank book purchased,	1 45
Balance of money due the Librarian,	12 36

The library books are in much better condition than last year.

A. D. TUTTLE, Librarian.

Hancock, March 1st, 1878.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

HANCOCK, APRIL 30TH, 1877.

Report and financial statement of the High School Committee:

MONEY RECEIVED.

Received of the town treasurer,	$400 00
" for tuitions,	18 09
	$418 00

MONEY PAID OUT.

Paid F. M. Chapin, teacher one term,	$180 25	
J. V. Hazen, " " "	190 50	
Farnum & Scott, printing,	5 50	
C. H. Ware, janitor two terms,	8 50	
First Congregational Society, rent,	22 00	
I. P. Wellman, for wood,	2 00	
C. E. L. Hayward, "	5 00	
H. F. Robinson, "	4 00	
A. D. Tuttle, 1 box crayons,	25	
		$418 00

Fall term, 1876, commenced August 14th and closed October 27. Whole number of scholars, 41. Spring term, 1877, commenced February 19th and closed April 30th. Whole number of scholars, 36.

In closing this fourth year of the High School, your committee are satisfied with the result, and feel that the school has sustained its former good standing. We also feel the school is steadily gaining in favor, and has been of great benefit to the town, as it gives opportunity for education in higher branches than can be studied in our district schools, thus affording privileges for mental improvement to many, of which they would otherwise be deprived.

In conclusion, we commend our High School interests to the

support and care of the town. The character of the future men and women of the town, in a measure, depends upon the treatment of our schools of the present day.

District No. 1, A. D. Tuttle; Dist. No. 2, Solon D. Hadley; Dist. No. 3, O. L. Boutelle; Dist. No. 4, Milton Tenney; Dist. No. 5, Jas. S. Hayward; Dist. No. 6, J. S. Lakin; Dist. No. 7, Edward R. Danforth; Dist. No. 8, H. F. Robinson; Dist. No. 9, Wm. Weston.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing account presented by the Hancock High School, for the year 1876–77, and find the same correctly cast and fully vouched.

JOHN H. FELCH,
E. R. DANFORTH,
ALVAH COPELAND,
} Selectmen of Hancock.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Nellie A. Knowlton, teacher. Miss Knowlton is a good disciplinarian. and having taught two years in this district, there were no new acquaintances to form. The advantages to be derived from having the same teacher several terms in succession, were clearly manifest at the last examination.—A successful school year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Mary J. Dutton, teacher. This school has improved in scholarship, and increased in numbers since our first acquaintance with it three years ago. The examination showed thorough teaching and good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Mary A. Tenney, teacher. The schools in this district were well taught, and the scholars, though mostly small, made *good* advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term, Miss Lettie W. Goodhue, teacher. Winter term, Miss Carrie A. Parker, teacher. Two *excellent* schools.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The Summer term, under the instruction of Miss Addie V. Barker, of Harrisville, was not a success. We have learned that young ladies of fifteen years of age, who have sufficient *energy* and maturity to keep a common school, are the exception and not the rule. Miss Barker should not have been hired; and your committee made a mistake in not declining to give her a certificate, simply upon the ground of her youth.

Winter term, taught by Miss Elva E. Sheldon, in her usual energetic manner. Her decisive promptness was just what this school needed. A good school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term, Miss Nettie L. Nichols, of Bennington, teacher. This was a well managed school. Good feeling seemed to prevail. Progress commendable.

Winter term, Addison C. Ware, teacher. Mr. Ware is a teacher of home manufacture, having received his education in our "High School." This was his first attempt at teaching; the result was highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The presence of Miss Nellie A. Hadley as teacher always ensures a good school. The scholarship in this school stands high.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Carrie A. Parker, teacher, Summer term. The very best of feeling existed between teacher and scholars. But one result could follow, a good school,

Winter term, Alvarez G. Brooks, teacher. Some of the scholars made better progress than we had expected. We must say that the taking of some scholars out of this school by their parents was a mistake.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Hattie E. Weston, teacher, summer term. Miss Alice S. Goodhue, teacher, winter term. It is possible, but not probable, that No. 9 ever had, or ever will have a more successful year.

Scholars not absent or tardy during the year: Ida E. Goodhue, Edward T. Welch, Nettie I. Stearns, Edgar B. Felch, C. Hattie Hayward, Frankie K. Wilkins, Mary E. Weston.

Not absent or tardy, summer term: Lizzie I. Crockett, Nellie C. Goodhue, Willie F. Mathews, Lizzie A. Tyrrel, Arthur T Felch, Alonzo W. Averill, Flora Barber, Willie Flint, Emma J. Davis, Lena L. Tenney, Eugene M. Ware, Mary B. Welch, L. Katie Felch, Geo. F. Averill, Waldo M. Hayward, Arthur M. Hayward, Eva M. Wilkins, Mattie E. Lakin, Charlie Wilkins, Hiram A. Carey, Ephraim Weston.

Not absent or tardy, winter term: Rusha A. Hayward, Annie A. Hayward, Charles S. Gray, Emma J. Morgan, Perley Traxler, Warren F. Thorning, Wilbur W. Hayward, Charlie T. Mathews.

All of the above named scholars have their deportment marked +.

Only five scholars have their deportment marked — or below ordinary. These five scholars have given our teachers more trouble than all the rest combined. The two lads in No. 3 may be excusable, as their advantages have been limited.—But the three young men (fourteen and fifteen years of age) representing Nos. 1, 2, and 7, and who have attended the High School would do well to try to reform their record.

Recitation and deportment cards have been furnished every scholar during the past year. These were intended to enable parents to be fully aware of the conduct and progress of their children. Our teachers all agree that the use of these cards assisted them in the governing of their pupils.

We would recommend the continuance of their use. We would remind the Prudential Committees that there is a terrible vacuum in the column of the statistical table, marked, "No. of visits by Prudential Committee."

Our teachers are reminded of the fact that there have been about a dozen volumes put into the town library within a year, which are especially adapted to their wants, and a perusal of which will make them familiar with the various methods of teaching and governing schools.

Great care should be taken in governing children in schools. Teachers without order are of very little account. And the whole secret of governing a school successfully lies in saying, "Yes," and "No," and "sticking to it." Teachers should be mild yet firm, and unflinching in the use of their authority, and all hasty, indiscreet modes of governing, like the throwing of some missile at the head of a child should not be tolerated.—Parents should be careful how they criticise teachers in the presence of their children, remembering that when they allow or encourage insubordination in the school-room they are striking a severe blow at their own authority; and are leading their children into a course that is very likely to end in disgrace.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of Districts.	No. of Scholars.		Average Attend'nce		No. of children from 4 to 14 not in school.	No. of Male Teachers.	No. of Female Teachers.	Length of Summer school in weeks.	Length of Winter school in weeks.	Amount of Money expended.	No. of visits by S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Committee.	No. of visits by Citizens.	Wages of male teachers, including board.	Wages of female t'ch'rs in summer includ'g bd	Wages of female t'ch'rs in winter includ'g board
	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.												
1	25	22	22	16	3		1	9	12	$160 08	5	4	91		$26 00	$30 00
2		8		6	1		1		16	110 08	2		18			26 00
3	15	10	12	8	3		1	8	10	110 08	4		26		22 00	24 00
4	8	6	8	6	1		2	9	11	110 08	5		36		20 00	22 00
5	5	6	4	6			2	8	11	110 08	1		20		20 00	22 00
6	11	16	10	16	2	1	1	7	9	110 08	4		57	$28 00	20 00	
7	6	10	6	9			1	7	12	110 08	4		34		20 00	28 00
8	8	7	6	5	3	1	1	8	12	110 08	4		19	20 00	19 00	
9	12	13	12	12	1		2	8	13	110 08	4	3	26		20 00	25 00
In Harrisville,										110 08						

JOHN H. FELCH,

Superintending School Committee of Hancock.

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